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1. DURING CALL BY POLAD AND LIAISON OFFICER ON
CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ SEPT 10, SUBJECT OF
AEROAMERICA'S DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BERLIN AND
SAARBRUECKEN DISCUSSED. HERZ SAID THAT SENAT IS
ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROPOSED SERVICE AND ADDED THAT
THERE IS SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL MARKET BECAUSE SERVICE
OPENED UP NOT ONLY SAARLAND ON DIRECT BASIS FOR
BERLINERS, BUT WESTERN FRANCE AND LUXEMBOURG AS WELL.
SENAT ALSO PLEASED AT PROSPECT OF HAVING F-27 AIR-
CRAFT AVAILABLE FOR CHARTER PURPOSES, HERZ SAID.
HE WAS AWARE OF POSSIBLE LUFTHANSA-PANAM INTERCHANGE
TO PROVIDE BERLIN-SAARBRUECKEN SERVICE, BUT REPEATED
THAT SENAT MORE INTERESTED IN DIRECT SERVICE THAN IN
ROUTING VIA INTERMEDIATE STOP SUCH AS FRANKFURT.

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2. GIVEN THE SENAT'S REITERATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENHANCING AIR SERVICE FOR BERLINERS, WE WOULD HOPE CAA, IN APPROVING SAARBRUECKEN SERVICE, WOULD NOT INTERPRET DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION (PARA 2, REF B) AS FORECLOSING AEROAMERICA CHARTER SERVICE TO VACATION LOCATIONS WITHIN GERMANY (E.G., EAST FRISIAN ISLANDS OR BALTIC COAST). WE BELIEVE CAA SHOULD CONSIDER FUTURE AEROAMERICA CHARTER APPLICATIONS ON CASE BY CASE BASIS ON FOLLOWING CRITERIA OF PARA 2, REF C; NAMELY, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH CHARTER SERVICES COMPETE WITH SCHEDULED IGS SERVICES OF PANAM AND BA. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WOULD BE INCLINED TO FAVOR CHARTER SERVICES TO EAST FRISIANS AND KIEL, ALTHOUGH PANAM AND BA MIGHT OBJECT THAT SUCH SERVICES DETRACT FROM THEIR SERVICES TO SYLT AND HAMBURG. GEORGE

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